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There are still a few slots open for the fourth annual Paw Pals Animal Care Academy.

Fifth grade students get to participate in a free four-week course offered by the City of Burleson's animal services division. Class is 90 minutes every Saturday, June 4-June 25. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 20.

The course is limited to 15 fifth graders who either live in Burleson or attend school in Burleson. The participants learn how to properly care for and handle family pets and understand how animals are cared for at the animal shelter. The sessions cover bite prevention, responsible pet ownership, veterinary care, animal grooming and animal training. Students will graduate from the academy on June 25.

The application, which requires a one-page essay, must be signed by the student's parent or guardian and turned in by May 20. Students who are accepted into the academy will be notified by May 27.

Applications may be picked up at the Burleson Animal Shelter at 775 S.E. John Jones Dr. (FM 731 South), 817-426-9280. Shelter hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday.